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| <b>Title:</b>        | Conical trocar seal |                   |                     |

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on 03-17-2008. In this paper:

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